

## House Resolution 1396 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Talton of the 145<sup>th</sup>, O'Neal of the 146<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Howard, E. of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on State and Local Law Enforcement Salaries and  
2 Benefits; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is served daily by the thousands of state and local law  
4 enforcement officers who have dedicated themselves to the protection of the lives and  
5 property of our citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, it is largely upon the courage and commitment of these brave men and women  
7 that our fundamental liberties and well-being are built and secured; and

8 WHEREAS, in rendering essential public services professionally and selflessly, Georgia's  
9 state and local law enforcement officers help to assure an orderly society and enhance the  
10 citizenry's sense of security; and

11 WHEREAS, in placing the well-being of society above their personal concerns and, in some  
12 instances, risking their lives for the sake of others, the law enforcement officers in this state  
13 exemplify the highest nobility and greatest commitment to humanitarian ideals; and

14 WHEREAS, it is essential that the salaries and benefits paid to state and local law  
15 enforcement officers state wide are at a level necessary to continue to attract and retain the  
16 best candidates and to ensure that a career of making the rest of us feel safer remains an  
17 attractive employment opportunity in this state.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 there is created the House Study Committee on State and Local Law Enforcement Salaries  
20 and Benefits to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be  
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a

1 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all  
2 meetings of the committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
4 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
5 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
6 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
7 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
8 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
9 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of  
10 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any  
11 member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. The  
12 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds  
13 appropriated to the House of Representatives. The committee shall make a report of its  
14 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, on or before  
15 December 31, 2006. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.